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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

### ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gov. Aycock has ordered a special term of superior court in Franklin county December 8th, Judge Allen to preside.

Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McSorley, died at New Bern, Saturday, of heart disease, at the tender age of five years.

John McCormick Gibson died at Battery Park hotel, Asheville, Saturday. He married only a week before. It is stated that his will leaves his wife property valued at over a million dollars.

Main's circus exhibited in the fair grounds near Weldon last Thursday. A great crowd attended, causing the financial success of the fair to be beyond the expectations of the directors.

The independents elected four of their candidates in McDowell county—James Morris, for the house; P. H. Marshburn, for sheriff, and John A. Laughridge and L. A. Chapman, for commissioners.

George Roundtree, a prominent lawyer of Wilmington, says he wants to see Gov. Aycock on the next national ticket for vice-president and says his choice of a ticket is Olney and Aycock.

Rev. Geo. N. Ivey, brother of Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, died at Granite Falls Friday, aged 75 years. He preached the Sunday before and was seized with an attack of heart trouble and fell to the floor, the attack causing his death in a few days.

In the superior court at Wilmington, Friday, James Hogan, white, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary for highway robbery. On Wednesday night before he was knocked down and robbed by Benj. L. Grant, an aged citizen of Wilmington. He got quick justice.

The State expects to prove in the bond suit case that the bonds issued in 1867-8 sold for less than par and that they were not issued in accordance with statutory requirements. Also that the state of South Dakota is in collusion with the holders of some of these bonds and that state relief has been invoked for private ends. In all about \$1,000,000 is involved in the suit.

Wilmington Messenger: Lucy Davidson, old and faithful servant of the late Mardock McKay and afterwards of his daughter, Mrs. O. G. Parsley, Sr., died Monday at the home of her son Thomas Brownlow, at the advanced age of 103 years. She was born on Christmas day, 1799, and has nursed and held in her arms the children of four generations of the family of her former owners. She was very much respected by both white and colored people.

To Induce Sleep.  
Dr. Steiner observed in Java, a method employed to induce sleep. It consists in compressing the carotid arteries. The operator sits on the ground behind the patient, whose neck he seizes with both hands. The index and middle fingers are then pushed forward into the carotids, which are compressed toward the spine. The method is absolutely harmless, anesthesia is rapidly obtained, and the patient wakes promptly, with no symptoms of nausea or malaise.

Bread From Chestnuts.  
In Corsica bread is made from chestnuts without admixture of any other substance. It has not the firmness of ordinary bread, but is healthful, sweet in flavor, agreeable to eat and easily digestible. It keeps more than fifteen days and constitutes the chief food of the Corsican mountaineers.

## SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

### BOTH DOCKETS ARE VERY HEAVY

The Large Dockets Will Consume Entire Two Weeks of Term.

The superior court for the November term for Lenoir county court convened this morning with Judge Henry B. Bryan presiding, and Solicitor Rodolph Duffy State's prosecuting officer.

A full docket of criminal cases are to be heard, consisting at the commencement of the term of 158; and it is said there is also a large civil docket, which, both together, will consume the entire two weeks allowed for this term.

The morning session began at 10:30 and the grand jurors taking their places were charged by his honor in an able and comprehensive charge of their duties and obligations, and also to the criminal law. The foreman is Mr. R. M. Harper, of LaGrange.

The court proceeded to the trial of cases, and up to 1 o'clock, when recess was taken for dinner, the following cases were disposed of:

Geo. E. Sutton; concealed weapon, plead guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

L. J. Daugherty; concealed weapon, plead guilty, fined \$5 and costs.

Henry Rhodes; concealed weapon, plead guilty, fined \$2 and costs.

Wright Rouse; concealed weapon, plead guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

Dan Coleman, concealed weapon; plead guilty; judgment reserved until afternoon session.

Mike Powell, concealed weapon; plead guilty; fined \$10 and costs.

Claud Sutton, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; sentenced to 60 days on county roads.

Edgar Waller, concealed weapon; plead guilty; fined \$10 and costs.

Wyndal Taylor, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; fined \$20 and costs.

A Thrilling Tale.

An artist says that nothing is more tiresome in his profession than to have somebody with an untrained eye pick out a commonplace bit of landscape and say:

"There, you ought to make a picture of that!"

Writers often have to endure the same dull commonplace.

"Now don't you put me in a book," jocosely counsels some dull person who would figure ill in print.

Or another patronizingly remarks:

"I've made notes of a good many things I mean to write up some time. If I don't use them, I'll give them to you."

Such material is likely to be of the sort contributed by an old guide, who said to a scribbling camper:

"I could give you some stories that would make your hair stand on end."

"Good for you! Give us one now."

"Well, here's the best of 'em. One day I went out about 9 o'clock in the mornin', an' I shot a cinnamon b'ar."

"Is that all?"

"No, sir! Next mornin' I went out about the same time, an' I shot another cinnamon b'ar."

"Well?"

"Well, sir, next mornin' I went out an' shot another cinnamon b'ar."

"Is that all?"

"All? I guess 'tis! Ain't that enough?"—Youth's Companion.

Satirical.

Miss Mattie Nay—That woman's scolding her husband because he went out between the acts.

Mrs. Oldhand—Yes; she hasn't been married long evidently or she'd be satisfied if he came in occasionally between drinks.—Philadelphia Record.

## SMALLPOX IN CHARLOTTE

### IS IN EVERY PART OF THAT CITY

Over 50 People in Pest and Detention Houses.

Mr. Alex A. Springs, Sr., a promising young man of 23 years, died of smallpox in Charlotte, Saturday. The Charlotte Observer says the smallpox situation in that city is serious, and that over 50 persons are in the pest houses and houses of detention, and in every part of town there are people who have the disease and are quarantined in private houses. Five persons died of smallpox in and around Charlotte last week, not one of whom had been vaccinated. The disease is in virulent form. Compulsory vaccination has been ordered.

Independents in 1904.

Raleigh, Nov. 8.—One of the questions which was asked at Democratic headquarters this week by a prominent visitor was "Will the Independents cut any figure in North Carolina in 1904?" It is quite an interesting question. Who can answer it accurately? Some say yes, others no. The declination of the negroes to vote this year and the almost complete dropping of the negro out of politics has an effect. In 1898 at least 90,000 negroes voted; this time under 5,000. And not one negro has been heard to "kick." Of course the fact that so few negroes voted this year does not mean that a much larger number may not vote in 1904. Their status may be quite different. They, that is the great majority of them, hate Senator Pritchard. They say so, very openly indeed.

Avery Elected but Won't Accept.

Later reports are that Judge Avery is elected to the senate from the 34th district, by eight votes over M. J. Conley. It was reported a tie, but this was due to an error. Judge Avery announced publicly, Saturday, that he will not accept a certificate of election because his majority is based on a technicality. In one precinct in Burke county the precinct judges failed to send returns in time to be counted. Counting the vote of this precinct gives Avery's opponent 33 majority.

Football.

The North Carolina University and the A. & M. College played a hard game of football at Raleigh Saturday, in which neither side scored.

At Washington, D. C., Saturday, Lehigh University defeated the University of Virginia playing football, 34 to 6.

Football enthusiasts have strong hopes of North Carolina University defeating Virginia when these two teams come together this season.

LATEST IN SUBMARINES.

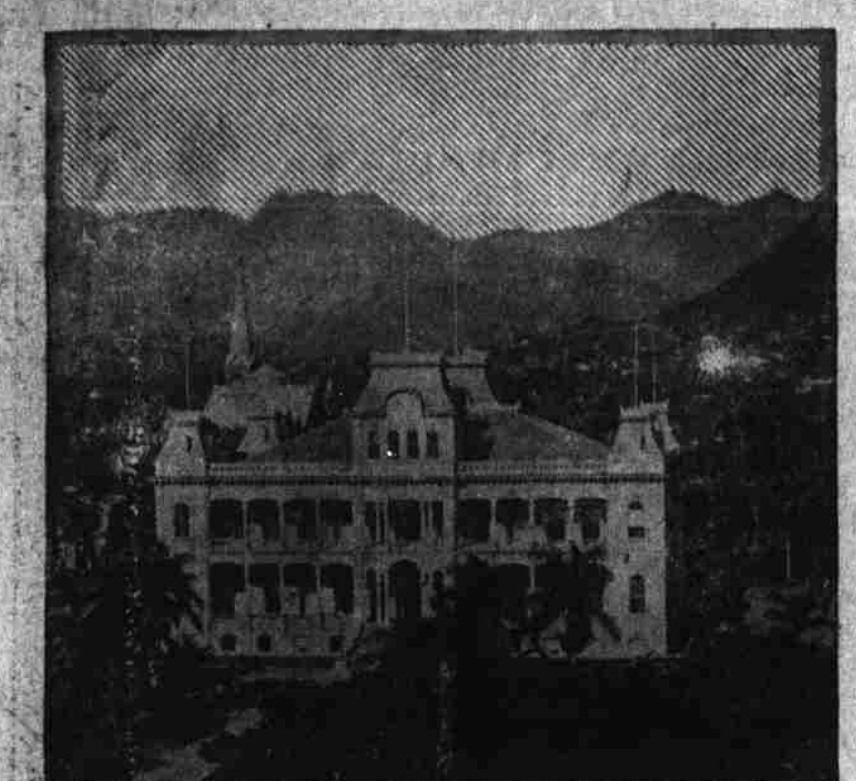
French Inventor Hopes to Emulate Jules Verne's Hero Nemo.

Goubet, the famous French inventor of submarine craft, is designing a boat which he expects to send across the Atlantic, fully half the voyage to be made under the surface. Goubet is no dreamer. Expert and most practical, he first, in 1855, created the little submarine Goubet, whose original pattern weighed only one and a half tons. Gradually he improved the type. The child of his brain is the torpedo boat Gustave Zede, 150 feet long, the greatest of her kind, France's first fighting submarine. The Zede is so safe, so easily directed, that President Loubet took a trip under water in her. France is building many like the Zede, for in submarine torpedo boats the sister republic thinks she sees the end of Britain's supremacy of the waves.

Now Goubet coldly, without emotion or exaggeration, promises a submarine vessel that will traverse the thousands of miles between Brest and New York; that can be submerged whenever and as often as is desirable or necessary; that will pursue its way under the surface for at least half the sea journey. This Captain Nemo's wonderful boat, the Nautilus, will become a reality.

Necessarily Goubet and the French government jealously guard the secrets of the construction of his submarine boat. Woe betide the stranger who tries to photograph so much as the turret of the Gustave Zede! Only the crew of each boat may enter her. The crew is closely watched on shore lest they should talk too much. France, enthusiastically hopeful that she will rule under the wave, runs no chance that may cost her triumph.

American marine and submarine engineers say that the transatlantic boat Goubet is designing will be propelled and of course heated and lighted by electricity, according to the Denver News. They say, too, that the problem of ventilating such a vessel and of giving a plentiful supply of air to passengers and crew is a most simple one.



THE GOVERNMENT PALACE, HONOLULU.

The members of the senate subcommittee who have been making a tour of investigation in the Hawaiian Islands have completed their task and early in November will begin holding sessions in Washington. Later on they will submit a report, and it is quite probable that when congress reassembles a number of important recommendations concerning Hawaiian affairs will be submitted. The committee found a state of great commercial and industrial depression prevailing in the islands, caused, it is generally claimed, by the low price of sugar and the scarcity and high price of labor.

The Cost of Deforestation.

There is more than local interest in the report of Henry Gannet, made public through the United States geological survey, upon the deforestation of the state of Washington. The report shows that in nineteen counties of the state west of the Cascade range 23,394 square miles were formerly covered with merchantable timber, of which 12 per cent has been cut, 17 per cent has been destroyed by fire and the remainder is still covered with standing timber. In Mr. Gannet's own words, "In less than a generation nearly one-third of the timber in one of the richest timber regions of this continent has been destroyed, and of that destruction much more than half has been caused by fire." In other words, nearly two years' supply of timber, worth in money about \$43,000,000, has been destroyed by fire.

This report was made before the recent terribly destructive forest fires in Washington, Oregon, Wyoming and Colorado, which have added materially to the average destruction every year. The department of agriculture estimates that every year at least \$25,000,000 worth of real property is destroyed, fully 10,000,000 acres burned over and \$75,000,000 worth of young forest growths destroyed.

Such figures as these ought to make a deep impression upon the public mind and awaken a keener public sentiment in favor of forest preservation. The property value destroyed is, however, not the only item in the annual cost of deforestation. There must be taken into account the deterioration of the soil, the drying up of streams and water courses, the increased exposure of farming regions to drought, burning winds and cyclones and the menace to public health. Possibly the good citizen of New York or Ohio will be nothing out of pocket by the destruction of the forests of Washington or Oregon, but if he has a due appreciation of the richness and greatness of his country he ought not to view with indifference the devastation of any part of it.

Becky Head Falls Away.

Becky head, with its seven white cliffs of varying height, called the Seven Sisters, says the London Times, is a prominent and well known headland on the south coast, the highest point being 550 feet above the level of high water. Unfortunately the cliff in front of the lighthouse of late years has shown signs of insecurity, which in 1893 culminated in a very heavy fall, amounting, it is said, to no less than 55,000 tons of chalk. Again in 1896 another dislodgment occurred of an estimated quantity of 80,000 tons. By these serious downfalls the distance between the lighthouse tower and the cliff edge was reduced from 100 to 70 feet, and there are not wanting signs that further disintegration of the cliff may sooner or later take place. This has created the necessity for a new lighthouse on a more stable and enduring site.

## BOILER EXPLOSION NEAR DOVER

### AT MR. J. M. HAWKINS' SAW MILL

Reported That Several Seriously, Probably Some Fatally Injured.

We learn just as we go to press that a boiler exploded at Mr. Frank Hawkins' saw mill, a few miles from Dover, injuring a number of people and probably killing some. Dr. J. M. Parrott was summoned in haste to the scene of the accident, being told by a party whom we could not find, that the injuries were serious. Mr. Hawkins and some of his hands were hurt badly, one of them probably fatally.

Cruel.

"I am willing to leave my work to posterity," said the ambitious author.

"Well," answered the cold blooded publisher, "you are running great risks. Posterity isn't going to read any of the expensive and misleading eulogies of your work that my advertising department is getting out."—Washington Star.

An Irishman's View.

"Are you looking for trouble?" demanded the angry man.

"No," replied the Irishman, "only for pleasure."

"You seem to want a fight?"

"That's what I said," returned the Irishman.—Chicago Post.

More Work For Them.

"Well," said the hollow eyed man, "I am glad the soldiers will leave the coal-mining regions."

"Why?" asked the other.

"Because they will be needed to save human life at the football games."—Chicago Tribune.

Cynical.

"Faint heart never won fair lady," quoted the married man.

"Quite true," replied the confirmed bachelor, "and that proves that even a faint heart is not an unmitigated evil."—New York Herald.

## HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Its Own Reward.

"George," said Mrs. Ferguson, "want you to oil the hinges of the bedroom door. I'm awfully tired of hearing them creak."

"Laura," replied Mr. Ferguson, "I would do almost anything to oblige you, but I'll be everlastingly rib roasted if I'm going to take the trouble to oil any door hinges at this time of night!"

Mark now the result of his procrastination.

In the dead of night—that same night—a burglar, who had gained entrance to the house through a basement window, crept softly up the stairway, approached that bedroom door and pushed it open.

It gave a loud creak like the wailing of a lost soul.

The historian hopes it is not really necessary to add that the burglar went down that stairway in two jumps, was out of the house before George Ferguson had succeeded in finding his revolver and that the hinges of that bedroom door are still unrolled.—Chicago Tribune.

All That He Knew About.

He had called upon his son at college.

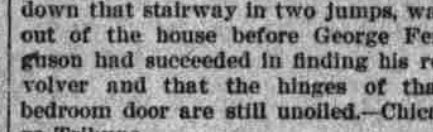
"Did John show you everything of interest there?" his wife inquired when he returned.

"He said he did."

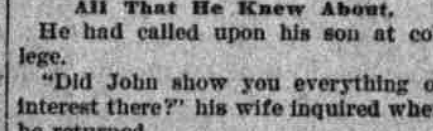
"What did he show you?"

"The gymnasium, the football field, the baseball diamond, the boathouse and the training quarters for the crew."—Chicago Post.

A Fatal Dilemma.



Pa—What! You answer me back, you young ruffian! I'll show you!



Ma—You won't answer me, won't you? I'll teach you!

Responsibility.

Strappes—Five pounds for a bonnet! Madam, it is a crime!

Mrs. S.—Well, the crime will be on my own head.—Glasgow Evening Times.

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